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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for Period Ending 6 April 1984

1. The Intelligence Authorization Bill for FY 1985 was transmitted to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House on 30 March after receiving clearance from OMB. The SSCI Subcommittee on the Budget, chaired by Senator Wallop, will mark up the Bill on 5 April.

2. On 3 April the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution will hold a hearing on S. 1335. This Bill was introduced last year by Senator Durenburger and seeks to amend the Freedom of Information Act to require that agencies conduct a balancing test and make a finding of "identifiable" damage to the national security before information is withheld from release under the (b)(1) exemption for classified information. This Bill is intended to reverse changes made by Executive Order 12356. Department of Justice and the Information Security Oversight Office will be testifying in opposition to the Bill.

3. On 28 March [redacted] testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice on legislation concerning the protection of intelligence personnel. The testimony was very well received by Chairman Conyers, who said he would support inclusion of intelligence personnel in legislation providing federal criminal penalties for attacks on U.S. officials.

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